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SUBJECT: MODE: REVIEW AND VERIFICATION OF MISSION STAFFING

REF: A-2527

1. IN ORDER TO MEET THE DEADLINE, WE ARE SUBMITTING OUR REVIEW BY TELEGRAM. I HAVE PERSONALLY REVIEWED CONGEN STAFFING LEVELS IN DEPTH ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS DURING THE YEAR AND SINCE MY RECENT RETURN TO POST, I HAVE ONCE MORE GONE OVER THEM IN DETAIL. IN GENERAL, I STILL FEEL THAT WE ARE TOO LARGE AND I WILL CONTINUE TO BE ALERT FOR OPPORTUNITIES TO EFFECT REDUCTIONS. UNFORTUNATELY, THE SIZE OF THE NON-STATE AGENCIES IS DETERMINED BY SPECIFIC LONG-STANDING PROGRAM NEEDS. FURTHERMORE, VARIOUS OPRED-TYPE REVIEWS OVER THE YEARS HAVE PRETTY WELL ASSURED THAT THE PERSONNEL SLOTS WHICH REMAIN ARE NECESSARY TO HANDLE THE FUNCTIONS ASSIGNED BY WASHINGTON. MY CURRENT VIEWS IN RESPONSE TO 3A REF ON STAFFING LEVELS FOR OUR USG PROGRAMS ARE INDICATED BELOW:

2.(A) STATE-AS A RESULT OF OUR OWN REVIEW PLUS DEPARTMENT ADVICE, WE HAVE ADDED TWO ADMIN POSITIONS WHILE ONE WAS WITHDRAWN, DISMANTLED THE TECHNICAL SECURITY OFFICE WHICH REMOVED THREE POSITIONS, AND POLITICAL SECTION HAS ADDED A VIETNAM-WATCHER WHILE LOSING A CHINA-WATCHER. SOME FUTURE CHANGES MAY BE NECESSARY IN OUR STAFFING IN

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RELATION TO A POSSIBLE INCREASE IN USLO IN PEKING.

(B) USIA-AS A RESULT OF ITS RECENT INSPECTION, USIS IS ITSELF REVIEWING STAFFING LEVELS. SOME POSITION READJUSTMENTS ARE EXPECTED AFTER THE COMPLETION OF FUNCTIONAL READJUSTMENTS RECOMMENDED BY THE USIA INSPECTORS.

(C) AGRICULTURE-PRESENT STAFFING PROVIDES PROPER, BUT PREVIOUSLY MISSING BALANCE BETWEEN CHINA REPORTING AND THE THRIVING LOCAL AGRICULTURAL SALES PROGRAM.

(D) TREASURY- THE CUSTOMS OFFICE IS SIZED FOR ITS ASSIGNED REGIONAL FUNCTIONS WITH JUSTIFICATIONS DERIVED FROM APPARENT SAVINGS TO THE USG IN COLLECTIONS AND FROM SERVICES TO LOCAL TRADING INTERESTS. THE TREASURY REP PROVIDES A VALUABLE, ADDITIONAL CHINA REPORTING ASSET WHILE HIS REGIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES PROVIDES FOR OVERVIEWS ON ALL MAJOR ECONOMICS IN EA.

(E) JUSTICE- WHILE THE FBI OFFICE WORK IS ALMOST ENTIRELY PERIPHERAL TO OVERALL CONGEN OBJECTIVES, THE FOUR-POSITION OFFICE SEEMS APPROPRIATE TO THEIR REGIONAL ACTIVITY. (FOR HONG KONG PURPOSES ONLY, A TWO PERSON OFFICE WOULD SUFFICE). THE DEA OFFICE IS LARGE AND WAS RECENTLY INCREASED BY ONE ANALYST, HOWEVER, THE RECENT INSTRUCTION LIMITING DEA OPERATIONS OVERSEAS WILL NECESSITATE A REVIEW OF STAFF LEVELS. INS APPEARS UNDERSTAFFED IN RELATION TO THE HEAVY LOCAL CASELOAD PLUS ADDITIONAL REGIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES AND THEIR SITUATION IS UNDER EXAMINATION.

3. I WILL CONTINUE TO KEEP STAFF LEVELS UNDER CONSTANT REVIEW. IN THIS REGARD WE ARE CONCENTRATING ON THE MUCH MORE DIFFICULT AND COMPLEX MODE REVIEW OF INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES CALLED FOR IN A-3176.

4. THE STATISTICAL TABLE HAS BEEN CHECKED AND IS CORRECT EXCEPT FOR THE FOLLOWING CHANGES:

STATE-AUTHORIZED FY 76

US TOTAL SHOULD READ 57 PLUS 1 OVERCOMPLEMENT JOT POSITION. THIS REFLECTS LOSS OF TWO TECHNICAL SECURITY OFFICER POSITIONS ASSIGNED TO OTHER EA POSTS AND ONE STATE DIRECT POSITION FORMERLY AUTHORIZED FOR JOT PROGRAM.

EN TOTAL SHOULD READ-POST COMPLEMENT 141-C-CORML.

THIS REFLECTS LOSS OF ONE FN POSITION WHEN POST PAYROLLING ACTIVITIES WERE TRANSFERRED TO FADPC BANGKOK AND TWO FN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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POSITIONS TRANSFERRED TO NEWLY ESTABLISHED FBIS OPERATION. C-ORM IDENTIFIES REFUGEES MIGRATION POSITION ATTACHED TO US MISSION.

AID-AUTHORIZED FY 76

DELETE THIS POSITION. AID PRESENCE IN HONG KONG CEASED AS OF JUNE 30, 1976 WITH COMPLETION OF AID PROJECT HERE.

HEW NIH CONTRACT WORKERS AS OF 12/31/75, INDIRECT FN

DELETE 4 FN POSITIONS, AS NOTED IN PREVIOUS CORRECTIONS

TO THIS TABLE, WE ARE UNABLE TO IDENTIFY THESE POSITIONS
AS BEING IN ANY WAY ATTACHED TO THE MISSION.
ALL OTHER AGENCIES ARE CORRECT.

TOTALS SHOULD READ:

AUTHORIZED FY 76

US 85 PLUS 1 OVERCOMPLETMENT JOT

FN 197

CONTRACT WORKERS AS OF 12/31/75

INDIRECT FN 0

5. AMERICAN DEPENDENTS (CIVIL AGENCIES) TOTAL WITHIN
COUNTRY IS 175.
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